Allocation of Central Budget amount on establishment charges and DA to Central Government employees

2529. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the Central Budget is allocated on the establishment charges annually; and

(b) what percentage of the Budget is allocated to meet the expenditure on Dearness Allowance to the Central Government employees and what is the expenditure involved over and above the Budget allocation on this account as and when Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees is sanctioned with the rise in the Price Index?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) In the Revised estimates for 1987-88, establishment charges (Salaries and Allowances) constitute 11.2% of the total expenditure of the Central Government.

(b) Dearness allowance constituted approximately 1% of the total expenditure in the Revised estimates of 1987-88. Suitable provision is invariably included in the Budget towards additional D.A. instalments likely to be sanctioned in the year to Central Government employees.

Coverage of International Conference on Jute

2530. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had hosted International Conference on Jute in New Delhi from 31st October to 8th November, 1988;

(b) whehter accredited correspondents of headquarters of Government of India were invited to cover the proceedings of the Conference;

(c) whether the Information Officer of the Ministry issued admission cards (special) to a selected few journalists;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether several journalists complained for not providing special cards of the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Amalgamation of claims of November, 1984 riot victims for the purpose of ex-gratia payments

2531. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to amalgamate the claims of November, 1984 riot victims who were having more than one uninsured business establishments for the purpose of *ex-gratia* payments;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which Government have decided to go against Justice Ranganath Commission Report where it is clearly mentioned that each and every business loss is to be liberally compensated; and

(c) how many such cases are on record in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) It has been decided to